

WEATHER FORECAST:

Tomorrow: Fair.

THE EVENING NEWS.

TEMPERATURE TODAY:

At 3 p. m., 65 degrees.

DEVOTED TO MAKING ADA A LARGER AND MORE PROGRESSIVE CITY

VOLUME 3

ADA, INDIAN TERRITORY, MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 2, 1906

NUMBER 9

Better Than Ever!

That's What Our Customers Say
of Our Spring Line of Hand Made
Clothing



Ask to See Style 9558B, a True
Blue (hand-made) Serge, Silk
Shoulder Lined, Permanent (non-
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MORE THAN HALF MILLION MINERS ON THE STIKE

Indianapolis, Ind., April 2.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, left here last night for New York. He expects quick results in the anthracite conferences this time. He will be back in Indianapolis shortly, for the international negotiations with the anthracite operators must be carried through and there must be an anthracite convention. Mr. Mitchell last evening held a conference with President John Nugent of the West Virginia miners. Mr. Mitchell was also in conference by phone with district presidents all over the country.

"What are the conditions tonight?" was asked Mitchell. "Simply this," he replied. "Our contracts have expired in the bituminous fields, the anthracite strike award has expired and our men have no arrangement on which to work. They have quit. More than half a million are out."

APOSTLE DOWIE HAS BEEN REPUDIATED AND DEPOSED

Chicago, Ill., April 2.—At a meeting yesterday of 5,000 adherents of the Christian Catholic church at Zion City, of which John Alexander Dowie is the founder and first apostle, Dowie's authority was repudiated and Wilber Glenn Voliva, who for some time has been conducting the affairs of the church, elected in his stead.

Mrs. Dowie also repudiated her husband and their son, Gladstone Dowie, cast his lot with his mother and the new leader,

No breaks in the lines are reported. F. L. Robbins and Western Pennsylvania independents will readopt the 1903 scale Monday by signing a contract. Western Kentucky operators have signed. Iowa operators have accepted the terms. Many independent operators in Indiana and Illinois have notified our district officers that they are ready to sign. The advance has been posted in the Irwin field in Western Pennsylvania, and by the big Berwind-White Company in Central Pennsylvania; 50 per cent of the tonnage is ready to sign up. Strike conditions will prevail over practically all of Ohio, Central Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kansas, Indian territory, Texas and in the anthracite fields. The mines in West Virginia will be operated a few days pending the result of the district joint conference in Charleston.

Most of the officials of the church were present at the meeting and many of them denounced Dowie as having deceived the people and wasted their money in extravagance. The meeting, however, refused to hold that he had knowingly erred and John G. Speicher, the former overseer and once second in command, who was recently deposed, declared Dowie to be insane. Mrs. Dowie, in her address, also upheld that declaration.

SOME RUMBLINGS OF THE NEW RAILROADS

In behalf of the local committee for the Oklahoma Central, Col. J. W. Hays Monday morning had a conference with some of the property owners out on West Main concerning cost of right of way for the spur into Ada. The public understands the latest plan is for the spur to branch from the main line some two miles west and come into town on Main street. The colonel found some of the property owners quite reasonable, while others are rather exorbitant in their demands. The committee desires to have matters in definite shape against the coming of President Carter, who is expected Tuesday.

The Canadian Midland committee continues to hammer away with some success. They are a determined set of fellows, well organized in squads; they refuse to take "no" for an answer, and the best thing to do when they come around is to surrender gracefully at once and at honorable terms. These gentlemen will have the gratitude of Ada's future generations for their labors. Every citizen should see that his subscription to the bonus is such as to entitle him also to a share of posterity's gratitude.

W. L. Bryd Camp Meeting.

The local camp of Confederate Veterans assembled in regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon. Commander W. H. Fisher presided and all other officers were on hand in their several official capacities.

Two very welcome new members were elected into the camp, namely, W. H. H. Jones and S. Tatum.

The Veterans spent a good portion of the evening in fraternizing with one another, perpetuating that grand old comradeship appreciable fully only to those who have a community of reminiscences of the Lost Cause with all its tragedy, pathos and sublimity.

After deciding to hold a called meeting on April 22nd, preliminary to the trip to New Orleans, the meeting was closed with prayer by Chaplain Morgan.

U. S. Commissioner's Court.

This being the first Monday, Judge Winn duly convened the U. S. Commissioner's court this morning. The first case put on trial was that of J. S. Buck vs. Jim Robinson, a replevin suit over the ownership of some hogs. At the hour of three the trial was still in progress.

FOR RENT—Suite of office rooms in Henley & Biles building. tf 9
J. A. Biles.

TEACHERS' ATTITUDE IN SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTEST

[The following communication was sent to the News by some of the young lady teachers with the request that same be published.—Editor].

We, the teachers of Ada public schools, desire to submit to the public our position concerning the election of superintendent and our reasons for declaring ourselves in such emphatic terms in favor of the retention of the present incumbent.

We declare emphatically that the present organization of the schools is such that the citizens of Ada or any other city should be proud of. Superintendent, teachers and pupils working together as one for the best interests of the schools; that within one year's time every vestige of disorganization has given way to good feeling, acute interest, implicit obedience and absolute loyalty. How such an organization could be effected in so short a time is nothing less than marvelous to us.

While we have done our best in all consciousness to contribute to the splendid condition that now exists, we disclaim any merit of our own, knowing that the superintendent has been the heart and soul of every movement that has lent inspiration and emphasis to the progress of the schools during the year. He has sympathized with us, encouraged us, assumed our burdens, and in many instances helped us over seemingly insurmountable difficulties.

By his executive force and strong personality he has brought the pupil body up to the highest appreciation for us and for the schools, and he has quickened an interest that is phenomenal. The loyalty and interest of the pupils cannot be doubted. Voluntarily they assembled themselves together, some 400 or more, sent

for the school board and pleaded for the retention of Mr. Hendrix. Such appreciation is unprecedented. They begged that the present pleasing conditions be continued. Later, when it became current that the school board was determined to act with undue haste and elect a superintendent one month ahead of time, we gave expression to our opinion in the matter by submitting to the board the statement that we would not apply for reelection if Mr. Hendrix should not be retained. We made the statement because we know full well that the pupils of the school feel that the board has ignored them and trampled upon their rights, thereby sowing the seed of discord, which will grow and ripen into organization. Nor have our feelings in the matter escaped violence, and at present we can discern nothing promising in the future for the schools.

In conclusion we regret profoundly to be required to make the above statements and admissions and we most humbly submit to the will of those who have it in their power to make or unmake the schools.

We take this position, not because we want to dictate, but because the ethics of the profession demand it of us. We cannot withhold this statement from the public knowing as we do that an injustice has been done to the pupils, to the schools, to Mr. Hendrix and to the city of Ada; and we are sure that this same professional ethics would prevent the gentleman who was elected from accepting if he knew the conditions as they really exist.

The Teachers.

Tax Collector Warren announces he has the delinquent tax list ready and will have the same published at once.

Our New Spring Clothing is Here!

Our clothing for this season comprises one of the richest and best selected displays of fabrics, the leading and swiftest novelties in the newest weaves. The styles in workmanship are up to the highest notch. The 3 button double-breasted and the 3-button sack coats are much longer for this season and possess tone and individuality. Yet our prices are the very lowest.

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K. C. Tailor Shop. Ada, I. T.
(Over Freeman's Store)

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Remember we are in the coal business. We handle McAlester at \$6.50 per ton. Midway and Henryetta at only \$6.00, and will deliver all orders of 300 pounds and over to any part of the city.

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Undivided Profits, 20,200.00

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ADA, CHICKASAW NATION, IND. TER.

Millinery Openings



The following stores will have on display on the date opposite their names, this Spring's latest and most up to date headwear for ladies, misses and children. Their stocks have been selected with great care and you may rest assured that an article bought of them bears the stamp of correctness and style:

MRS. W. A. ALEXANDER, South Broadway
MRS. HOMER DAVIS, with Cox-Greer
MRS. W. J. LONG, with Scott-Hoard
MRS. L. T. WILSON, with Westcott's
MISS ALICE HARRIS, with Reed & Harrison

Wednesday

APRIL 4th



A Dollar Spent With Ada Merchants is Worth Three Spent Elsewhere

ADA EVENING NEWS.

OFFICIAL CITY PAPER.

OTIS B. WEAVER PUBLISHER
M. D. STEINER, BUSINESS MANAGER

Entered as Second class matter March 26, 1904, at the Postoffice at Ada, Indian Territory, under the Act of Congress March 3, 1869.

Advertising rates furnished on application.

TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

While it is true all our city officers were, in effect, chosen at the Democratic primary a fortnight ago, still it is important that every qualified voter cast a ballot in the regular election Tuesday. It is your duty as an American citizen—though it be but a quasi citizenship under a provincial sort of government. Though it be but a perfunctory performance in the present case, you need to get the habit of doing your civic duty.

Besides, the reputation of Ada demands that every man vote. The returns of the election will be published abroad over the land. Observant people will take the total vote as indicative of the total population of this city. If but a small vote is polled it will be inferred abroad that this is a small town. This is the time we need to be advertised abroad in the best and strongest light possible. A big vote will help do it.

Scarcely will it take more than ten minutes of any man's time to go to the polls and do his whole duty. Go do it just as if we had a big, close political contest on hand.

Go all the way; don't be a piker.

BIGGER ADA BEGUN.

Already one new wholesale house has read the roseate future for Ada and has taken up its abode in our midst. The glad tidings of Ada's coming railroad facilities are being carried abroad; other wholesalers and jobbers are right now contemplating making this a distributing point for their wares. They are speedily recognizing that this will be the railroad center of the Southwest.

Eleven spokes to our big wheel, eleven excellent railroad outlets—that is the sound, uninflated prospect for Ada. That's something for manufacturers and wholesalers and investors generally to ponder—and to act upon. And they will act; they will move; there'll be a scramble this way.

Town building is a big game; there's no limit. But Ada has set in; she's not afraid; she'll play 'em to the blue vault above; and she'll eat the game up.

In the United States Court.
For the Southern District of the Indian Territory, at Ada.
In re, the appointment of the election of the incorporated town of Ada, Indian Territory.

Order of appointment.
I, J. T. Dickerson, Judge of the United States Court of the Southern District of the Indian Territory, do hereby appoint M. M. Sanders, John W. Beard and Henry Brown, of Ward Number One; A. M. Croxton, W. H. Wheeler and R. W. Bonds, of

Ward Number two; M. C. Heimer, R. J. Ross and J. R. Lawrence of Ward Number Three; A. Reidel, Ed Wilson and W. F. Jones, of Ward Number four, as judges for their respective wards of the municipal election to be held in the incorporated town of Ada, Southern District, Indian Territory on the third day of April, A. D., 1906, said parties being represented to me as being qualified electors of the said town and householders therein.

Democratic Ticket

MAYOR.
J. P. Wood.

CITY ATTORNEY.
B. C. King.

RECORDER, ASSESSOR, COLLECTOR
J. I. Warren.

CITY TREASURER.
S. W. Hill.

CITY MARSHAL.
Lem Mitchell.

STREET COMMISSIONER,
Jim D. Gaar.

ALDERMEN.

First Ward.

M. D. Timberlake.
Ben A. Mason.

Second Ward.

J. E. Bills.
A. J. McFarland.

Third Ward.

W. H. Nettles.
C. O. Barton.

Fourth Ward.

W. C. Lee.
A. R. Sugg.

Special Rates

To San Antonio, Texas, for the Lumbermen's Association's twentieth annual meeting, April 10th to 12th inclusive.

One and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale April 8th and 9th, with final return limit of April 13th, via Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway. See ticket agent for particulars.

Early Poultry.

Mrs. C. H. Martin has sold since 1st day of January, \$8.00 worth of eggs and \$7.50 worth of chickens and has 103 little chickens hatched and 11 hens setting. What is it this country is not good for?

BAD HEALTH.

Worry, Overwork, Hasty Eating, Excessive Use of Liquors, Loss of Sleep, Neglect of Nature's Calls. These Bring on the Deadly Bright's Disease.

Thousands Die of it Every Year.

Kidney disease is the enemy we have most to fear as a result of the feverish restlessness of modern civilization. It is a treacherous enemy, working out its deadly effect under cover of the most trifling symptoms. The first indication of changes in the urine, frequent headaches, digestive troubles, should be the signal for prompt remedial measures. Prickly Ash Bitters is a kidney remedy of the greatest merit; it is soothing, healing and strengthening, quickly relieves the aching or soreness that always appears in advanced stages, checks the progress of the disease and through its excellent cleansing and regulating effect in the stomach, liver and bowels, it brings back the strength and ruddy glow of vigorous health.

Accept no substitute. Insist on having the genuine Prickly Ash Bitters with the large figure 3 in red on the front label.
Sold Everywhere, Price \$1.00 per bottle.



TIME CARD.
Ada, Ind. Ter.

EAST BOUND TRAINS.

No. 510 Meteor, 4:45 p. m.
No. 512 Eastern Exp., 4:45 a. m.
No. 542 Local Freight, 4:45 p. m.

WEST BOUND TRAINS.

No. 509 Meteor, 8:58 a. m.
No. 511 Texas Pass, 7:15 p. m.
No. 541 Local Freight, 7:45 a. m.
Local freight trains carry passengers provided with permits. Ten per cent save on the purchase of round trip tickets.

I. McNair, Agent.

Cheap Rates to Denver.

Will sell daily until May 31st round trip tickets to the above point at greatly reduced rates.

Tickets limited to May 31st, except tickets sold during month of May to be limited thirty days. For full information see Frisco agent or address.

I. McNair, Agent, Ada, I. T.
D. C. Farrington, T. P. A.,
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F. E. Clark, D. P. A.,
Wichita, Kansas.



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ADA, I. T.

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St. Louis
Hanibal,
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Junction City,
Oklahoma City,
In the North,
Houston,
Dallas,
Fort Worth,
San Antonio,
Galveston,
In Texas,
and all points beyond.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 112 Express, daily, 3:55 p. m.
No. 564 Local, except Sunday, 12:15 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 111 Express, daily, 11:10 a. m.
No. 563 Local, except Sunday, 1:55 p. m.



Excursions to Florida and Cuba.

Will sell daily until April 30th 1906, low rate round trip tickets from all stations to certain points in Florida and Cuba, also to certain points in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. Return limit, June 1st 1906. Through sleepers and Fred Harvey meals.

Let us furnish you rates, schedules, descriptive literature and other information.

I. McNair, Agent, Ada, I. T.
F. E. Clark, D. P. A.,
Wichita, Kansas.

If you want jolly smiles that won't rub off you want to hear Jolly's "Jolly Side of Life" at the Christian church April 2. All school children 15c, adults 35c.

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WEST MAIN



LOCAL NEWS

A. J. Mosman went to Franks.
C. H. Ennis made a trip to Stonewall.

See P. K. Smith for up-to-now photo work. 152-tf

H. W. Sublett went to Ardmore this morning.

W. T. Martin made a trip to Tishomingo.

Taylor Lanham was in from Center today.

Dr. Bisant, dentist, over Ada National Bank. tf 279

L. D. Ratliff made a professional visit to Roff.

The latest styles at Chitwood's, the tailor, over Rollow's store. 5tf

2500 yards of Valenciennes lace from 24c to 74c per yard. 5 tf

E. L. Steed.

Dr. B. H. Erb, dentist, Henley & Biles building. Phone No. 1. 233 tf

Misses Ollie Lee and Olive Warren spent Sunday in Sasakwa.

Wedding announcements—the up-to-date kind—at the News office. ti

Dr. S. A. Steel returned home from Shawnee where he spent Sunday.

Misses Nona and Ulah Kyser returned from a four days' visit in Tyrola.

Rev. A. J. Deaton returned from Konawa where he preached yesterday.

Make your wants known to Duffal & Dodson, Groceries and Feed. Phone 92. tf 312

For an up-to-date tailor made suit see Chitwood, the tailor, over Rollow's store. 5 tf

J. I. Warren is able to resume his official duties after a week's confinement at home.

The celebrated Albatross flour at Walsh's. tf 298

S. P. Morgan, an evangelist from Texas, is in the city and expects to deliver a lecture soon.

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Rev. J. M. Foster of Center was in town on his way home from his Sunday appointment at Allen.

J. S. Ferguson, brother of Mrs. Ed Brents, spent the night in Ada en route from the Seminole country to his home at Davis.

Dr. H. Browall leaves tonight for Chicago where for six weeks he will pursue clinical studies in the post-graduate school.

Commencing Tuesday, April 3, we will give three performances daily; one at 3:30, 8:00 and 9:00 p. m. 6t 9

The Empire, V. Hale, Mgr.

Dr. and Mrs. Breckenridge, who have been sojourning in Mexico for several months, returned to their home in this city Sunday evening.

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Mrs. E. A. Morrow and son, Mel, returned today to their home at Durant, after a two week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Taylor Lanham, near Center.

Mrs. George Henley departed Sunday to join Mr. Henley at Ardmore at least for a few months. Her multitude of Ada friends hope for their return to Ada not later than next fall.

On Saturday night G. B. Dismukes sustained the loss of a good mare, the one suddenly prostrated at the Frisco station several days ago. This makes the sixth horse he has lost during his residence in Ada.

Boy Stolen.

The newspapers of the United States are requested to publish a description of Richmond Byers, the six year old son of Dr. S. L. Byers, a newspaper man of Seelyville, Ind., who was stolen from his home, presumably by a band of roving horse traders, nearly two years ago. It is said that Dr. Byers has expended all his means in a fruitless search for the little boy, and now he makes an appeal to his brethren of the newspaper profession. The missing boy is of light complexion, has gray eyes, left eye noticeably crossed, a small V shaped nick in the left ear, sharp chin and narrow, projecting forehead. He is rather small for his age and is unusually bright and intelligent, talking in the manner of a boy much older. It is his father's theory that the kidnappers took him for the purpose of forcing him to beg for them.

New Fire Apparatus Arrives.

Last Saturday afternoon the new fire apparatus arrived from Kansas City. It consists of an elegant modern hosewagon costing \$500 and accessory appliances such as harness, etc., to the value of \$255. The additional 1200 feet of hose will be here in a few days.

Some of the fire boys hitched up the wagon and paraded the streets to the intense admiration of citizens. The apparatus is up-to-date in every respect and adequate for our needs.

Now for a good fire hall to keep it in.

Prisoner "Thrown a Fit."

Will Buchanan, the Sulphur jointist accused of touching a patron of his place for \$200, was held by the U. S. Commissioner to await the action of the grand jury. He failed to make the required \$1,500 bond for appearance and was transported Sunday night to the Ardmore jail by Deputy U. S. Marshal Chapman. Enroute to the station the prisoner was seized with a violent fit and fell against a box car sustaining some injuries on the head.

New Wholesale House.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Upp of Holdenville spent several hours in the city today. Mr. Upp was formerly in the wholesale grocery business in Ada and later moved the same to Holdenville. He has recently disposed of his interests there and has about concluded to return to Ada and start up another wholesale house here. Our people will gladly welcome both him and his business. No doubt he realizes what an advantageous distributing point this will be with all its new railroads.

Brents Will Remain.

Friends of Office Deputy U. S. Marshal Ed Brents, who sent in his resignation last week, will be gratified to learn that he received Sunday from Marshal Porter a telegram urging him to reconsider and retain the deputyship. This, it is reported, Brents has consented to do. He having gone to Ardmore last night, the reporter was unable to get the information at first hand.

Dr. F. Z. Holley Announces

for alderman of 2nd ward. Living as I do on a street that ought to be opened across the Katy railroad, in fact our part of town composing the 2nd ward never has been attended to properly. Therefore I ask the vote of the people of the 2nd ward.

Dr. F. Z. Holley.

Jolly, the Lecturer, Here.

Franklin Pierce Jolly, the great humorous lecturer, arrived Monday forenoon on the Frisco to deliver his lecture at the Christian church tonight. It is said he can make anybody in the world laugh, and laugh hard. It will be worth anybody's while to go out tonight and hear him.

Free to Ladies Only.

Ladies are especially invited to attend the skating rink Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 3 to 6 o'clock of this week. No charge to ladies on these days. No men admitted. tf 3

Wells-Fargo Moves.

Mr. Miles, the popular express agent, has moved the Wells-Fargo office from east main street to the rear of the Ada National bank building. He is fitting up elegant and commodious quarters.

W. H. Nettles returned from Konawa.

There will be no benefit performance for the Methodist Sunday School at the Empire Thursday. We will give one later. 2t 9 V. Hale, Mgr.

The Empire

V. HALE, Manager

Two Performances Daily, 3:30 and 8:30 p. m.

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WANTED:—A jolly good crowd to spend a jolly good evening with Jolly, the jolly good man with a jolly good entertainment—Christian church Monday, April 2. All school children 15c, adults 35c. 8 2t

WANTED:—To buy a good residence lot in Darg's addition. Good milk cow to be taken as part payment, balance cash. Call at blacksmith shop on North Broadway. J. J. Lutterell. 6 6t

The Cemetery Association will meet with Mrs. E. C. Hunter, E. 12th street, Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

WANTED:—Men in each state to travel, post signs, advertise and leave samples of our goods. Salary \$75.00 per month, \$3.00 per day for expenses. Kuhlman Co., Dept. S., Atlas Block, Chicago. 12tw 40

Notice.

The delinquent tax list will be made out and published next week. Pay now and save cost. tf 287 J. I. Warren, Recorder.

M. K. T. Special

Round trip rates From Ada, I. T.:
Los Angeles, Cal., April 25 to May 5, \$50.
St. Paul, Minn., May 28 to 31, \$24.55.
San Francisco, Cal., June 25 to July 7, \$52.
Mexico City, Mexico, June 25 to July 7, \$40.
Mexico City, Mexico, April 25 to May 5, \$38.
Chattanooga, Tenn., May 10 to 15, \$24.85.



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L. C. Farrington, T. P. A., Oklahoma City, Okla.
F. E. Clark, D. P. A., Wichita, Kansas.

Wedding invitations—latest styles—turned out at the News office. tf

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Five good houses to rent

2 lots and 3-room house with a good well and barn, close in, \$1035
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THE GRUBSTAKE MINE

PRISONER gives his name as Jones," said the officer, chuckling. "He's ironed hand and foot, for fear of accidents; but mind, if he goes for you, yell, and I'll let you out."

So the policeman threw open the grated door.

"Prisoner, here's yer lawyer; and I warn you if you smash him up you won't get another."

The door swung to behind me, but so dark was the cell that at first I could see nothing of "Mr. Jones."

"Good afternoon—ahem!" said I, feebly. One never knows what may happen in the Bitter Root City Jail.

"I ain't going to hurt you," growled the prisoner. "Sit down; make yourself at home."

The voice was manly, resonant; the man was a young athlete; I could just see that his boots were the daintiest, high-heeled Wellingtons of a cowboy; while the rest of his dress—a sombrero, shirt, overalls, a broad web belt, and silk handkerchief round the neck—bore out the character. The man's presence already brought up some faint memory; indeed I felt that I knew him, but not under the surname of Jones. Surely this sunburnt young frontiersman was some old friend.

"I can't offer you any refreshments, Mr. Lawyer," said the boy, drowsily. "The accommodations, in fact, are slim—very slim. Why," he woke up, "what the deuce are you staring at?"

"Jack Brancepeth," I ventured, "don't you know me?"

"What? Williams, major? Hurray! Shake, you duffer!"

It was not easy to shake hands, for my old schoolfellow was shackled spread-eagle fashion to the bed.

"Yes," he laughed, "they've got me roped for branding, and then they'll clip my ears and coral me all to myself, lest I corrupt the good manners of the other vicinus."

"Well," said I, frankly, "it jolly well serves you right. A fool who amuses himself shooting the stockbrokers on 'Change ought to be—"

"Smacked," said Jack. "I knocked out three deputy marshals, damaged one sheriff, bored a few holes through things generally. I wish I could chew up some more police by way of dessert. I feel as happy as a chip."

"Look here, we're civilized people in Bitter Root City; we're not used to cow-punchers."

"Well, you don't amount to shucks, as you say. Look here, I want you to let down the bars of this corral—I've been lonesome."

"How can I get you out? Don't you see these stockbrokers are not used to being shot at?"

"Yes," he groaned, "that's what's the matter. I've offended their little local prejudices. But that's all right!"

"All right for State Prison," I explained. He only chuckled.

"Well, I did ruffle 'em up some. But, as I say, that's all right. I'll tell you the straight yarn—then you can turn it into the right kind of lies, and have them sworn to. See?"

"Go on," said I.

"Well, to begin with, I got me a tract of meadow land up Wild Creek, back of Branchville, Idaho—do you know the place? No? Well, I stocked the ranch out of what I'd saved, with a shorthorn bull by Climax, together with thirty-nine head of scrub cattle, and a band of ponies. Since then, whenever I've happened upon mavericks—unbranded cattle, you know—I've adopted the poor orphans, clapped on my little Q—that's my brand—and turned 'em into the pasture. There's been some satisfaction in annexing old Silas Hewson's calves, but even then it ain't over and above square dealing, besides which it's slow work building up wealth out of strays. So I suppose a hundred head all told would make up the sum of what I had last fall, though since then I've been laying by my thirty dollars a month cow-punching for the 'Square Triangle' outfit down Boise way, which money I've put into improvements on my Wild Creek ranch."

"You seem to have been on the make?"

"Yes," Jack heaved a great sigh. "But it came deuced tough. Why, I've sworn off poker, quit getting drunk, even tried to worry along without cussing."

"But why all this virtue?"

"Why, don't you see, you loon—your pilgrim? I'm in love!"

"Oh?"

"It was all for Kitty's sake."

"Who's Kitty?"

"She's my girl. Say, do you know old man Hewson—down to Idaho Falls?"

"What, the capitalist who floated the Grubstake mine?"

"The same. A right smart hole 'in the ground is the Grubstake. Why, I guess the old man must be worth his cool five millions now. Any way, he's got six head of young fillies, that there ain't the like of west of the Bitter Root Mountains, calkers, and away up at that."

"Blooded?"

"I should smile. Out of the very best Virginian. There's Kittie, Saph, Matred, Nehusta, Zebudah and Mehitabel, all raised on the ranch, all fed the same school at Wild Creek."

"School?" I howled, "do you mean the man's daughters?"

"Well, rather! You see a man needs lots of wealth to pretend to any of these girls, for Silas is like them Old Testament chiefs who'd see lords and dukes sniffing around the lodge, and let the dogs at 'em because they ain't

kins. She's too good, any way, for a common scrub cowboy like me. Oh, man, but you should see her sit a bucking horse! She's like the west wind riding a cloud, with the bright hair flying around her head and her eyes like stars. The broncho tears up the ground, but she laughs as she drives home the spur, and there's no fear in her. I've fought two men for fooling around her, already—one with rifles on horseback; he's in the hospital; the other, shooting at sight with guns, but I hunted him out of the country."

Jack Brancepeth always was handsome, but now as he laughed in triumph I felt that Miss Kitty had no need to rue her choice, for this gallant, simple, boyish lover had the face of a Galahad.

"Yes, that's why I've been trying to keep straight. Why, I'd be a maugy hermit if I could make myself cool enough for her. But, as she said, the old man would never let me have her unless I'd lots of wealth. I tried hard enough, but then we'd been engaged more or less for two whole years without my making my pile."

"But," said I, "this doesn't seem to have much bearing on the present trouble?"

"It hasn't, eh? Well, you reach your hand into the left pocket of my belt, and you'll find her letters. There, that's right; now read the one on top."

So I found myself glancing over the first of a batch of letters in a fine round school girl hand like a stringful of knots. The letter read:

"Dear Jack—If you want me don't be a fool. Here's Pa favoring Daddy Longlegs, who wants me awful bad. He's given Daddy Longlegs a straight tip how to make his fortune. Pa told him that they've just found a tremendous lot of ore in the Grubstake mine, but the principal owners are lying low, and saying bad things about the mine until they can rope in all the stock, whatever that means. Any way, they've broken down the pumps on purpose to let the works get flooded, so as to hide what they've found. Daddy Longlegs has sense enough to speculate in Grubstakes; you haven't."

"KITTY."

"Yes," continued Jack, "Kitty's pretty straight goods, and when she says a thing she means it. If Daddy Longlegs had a thousand dollars, I was worth two thousand; at least that's what I realized in hard cash by selling my ranch to a tenderfoot. So I rode down here to Bitter Root City, went to Kitty's uncle, Hi Hewson, the stockbroker, plunked down my roll of bills, and said: 'Buy Grubstakes.'"

"You hadn't ought to buy outright," says Hewson; 'you should margin.'

"What's that?" said I.

"It means," said he, "that you plunk down your money; I run the show; if the stock goes up, I sell out when you think you're pretty well fixed for life; if the stock goes down two thousand dollars' worth, you lose all you have got."

"I'll gamble," said I, "with all I can hold down by sitting straddle."

"Well, you should have seen the brokers geying Hi Hewson in the Mining Exchange, and afterward I heard them talking among themselves in the Coffee Palace."

"What," says one smart Aleck, "you think Hi Hewson's working for Silas, eh? You must think Silas P. Hewson's gone loco! The old man confessed only last week to a friend of mine that the mine's played out. Why, the works are chock a-bloke with water, and no tunneling facilities to drain it; the pumps have broken down and of real pay there isn't a dollar in sight."

"A level head has old man Silas," says another; "as to Hi Hewson, he's roped in a sucker who thinks he can gamble—some fool of a cowboy, he says."

"There was another sucker last week," says smart Aleck; "Daddy Longlegs they call him—plunked down a thousand dollars on a falling market, he, he! Well, he's busted now; margin all run out."

"At that they all drank a toast, 'Long live the suckers!' but—well—I laughed."

"Now read the second letter," said Jack.

"You're a daisy," I read. "Daddy Longlegs has come back dead broke; and his language is just disgraceful. Hold on, keep right hold, Jack, for pa says he'll soon be letting the cat out of the bag, so if the stock goes down any more you must keep a good heart and hold on."

"KITTY."

"That's all right," said Jack, "but by the time I got the letter on Monday morning my margin was running out, too. Says Hi, 'It's all your own fault; you never took the trouble to ask my advice, or you wouldn't have bought until to-day,' but that was poor consolation, for I was like to be as big a fool as Daddy Longlegs. When the Exchange closed on Monday the Grubstake was quoted at forty-three, and if it went a point lower my two thousand dollars would be lost. Read the third letter."

"Hold on to the stock," I read. "You needn't have been jealous of Daddy. He ain't in it, never was, for I love you, old boy. On Wednesday morning the news will be in all the papers that the Grubstake was flooded on purpose to keep the secret of a great bonanza; your stock will be worth a fortune. Hold on for my sake, darling. Hold on for all you're worth."

"KITTY."

"At that I plunked up courage," said Jack, cheerfully, "sold my horse, saddle, rifle, coat, 'shaps, larinet, spurs, watch, everything; and plunked down the cash with Hi Hewson. I could hold on now, he told me, till the stock

dropped to forty and a half; but if it went below that I was lost.

"On Tuesday I went to the Mining Exchange Building with my heart in my mouth. The stock opened at forty-three, then a little was sold at forty-two, and at noon it stood at forty-one and a half. Scared almost crazy, I grabbed hold of a reporter, stood the drinks, and loaded him up with news. I told him to say in his paper that the Hewson outfit was bearing down the market, that Silas had flooded the mine to hide his bonanza until the moment came to shout. But the reporter made out that the next edition came out at four o'clock, and the Exchange closed at half-past three.

"Get out the posters early," I told him, "bribe the printers, work the ropes somehow, and if I win my game, I won't forget you."

"The reporter winked, and started to write out his news; but when the market opened again in the afternoon, there seemed to be no hope left, for the stock was at forty-one and a quarter, with only three-quarters of a point between me and perdition.

"From where I stood in the public gallery, I saw the brokers whispering, for a rumor had got wind from the printers that made them crazy. Some of them were offering forty-three, forty-four, even up to fifty for Grubstake stock; but there wasn't a dollar for sale. 'Twas old Hewson's broker that started the counter rumor making out that the newspaper yarn was some fool's canard—or else a tale gotten up so the holders could sell out in a hurry. I was paralyzed when the bidding stopped short; I didn't know one more move that could save the game; I was ready to kill myself.

"Hi Hewson sent up a clerk to say he hated to see me ruined—I'd better sell. It was decent of him, but I told the clerk to go to blazes and further, before I'd throw up my hand like a white-livered coward.

"At three o'clock came a telegram from Kitty that said:

"Be brave. Pa has bought all the stock he wants, and wired his broker to quit 'bearing.'"

"Oh, man, but she was worth fighting for. She's an angel out of heaven, and I'd rather have died than broken faith with her.

"The clock was going so slow that it seemed to have stopped. Five past three, ten past, quarter-past three; the stock at forty-one! Twenty past three, twenty-three past! I was saying my prayers with my revolver ready in my hand for death if I lost in the game. There was a commotion down in the hall—a rumor was spreading through the crowd, till it rippled up into the gallery, and I heard the news—the Grubstake syndicate bankrupt!

"I knew it could only be a lie gotten up by old Hewson's broker. I knew that in another moment the newspaper posters would be fastened up at the door. I knew that if the market held still another three minutes I'd saved my game.

"The fool at the blackboard was marking the closing prices on Tigers, Poorman, Coeur d'Alene, Eagle of Murderer's Bar, Grubstake. He'd wiped out the old figures to write down Grubstake at the price of a bankrupt mine; the brokers were yelling like demons; the place shook with the uproar; the clock ticked at twenty-nine past; the fool was writing the figures that meant ruin—despair—death!

"Raising my gun, I fired right at his fingers, missed, fired again, but the fool was gone. I fired again and again, then once again, and flung my revolver at the blackboard across an empty hall. Yes, I'd stamped the brokers, I'd stamped the whole confounded outfit—the ruck of them was screeching with panic against the doors—and I stood alone in the gallery. The game was won!

"What matter if I did get excited? What matter if I did knock a few deputy marshals out of the gallery? What matter if I did damage a city official—or a dozen—or scores?"

"The news is out; I've won me a wife and a fortune; I'm boss of the range; and Kitty shall live like a queen because I love her—because I've loved her like a man—and she's mine!"—Waverley Magazine.

One on Thackeray.

From Dublin comes a letter from a correspondent commenting on our notes of a few days ago on Thackeray's visit to Ireland. "There is," says he, "a story which, if true, as I believe it to be, is a solace to the minds of Irishmen who have found it hard to forget or forgive the 'Battle of Limerick.' When on his first visit to Ireland, Thackeray took a drive on a Dublin car some distance into the country. Milestones had recently been erected along the roads, with the letters 'G. P. O.' distances being measured from the general post office. Thackeray was unaware of this and in his thirst for knowledge asked the carman what the letters meant. 'The prompt reply was, 'God preserve O'Connell.' Thackeray believed what he was told, but the incident only appeared in the first edition of his book."—London News.

Is the Englishman Deteriorating?

A recent investigator has compiled some statistics which would seem to indicate a rather alarming physical deterioration in the British people. The figures, based upon the recruiting and medical reports of the army, show, for example, that while in 1889 the proportion of men in the army under five feet five inches in height was 106 in a thousand, the following year it had risen to 115 in a thousand; in 1891 to 117; in 1898 to 132. The proportion of men measuring less than thirty-three inches around the chest was, in 1889, seventeen in 1000; in 1898 it was twenty-three. In 1871, 159.4 per 1000 recruits were under 120 pounds in weight; in 1900 the proportion had increased to 301—1000.—Harper's Weekly.

The breeding of cattle in Mexico is steadily increasing. Large numbers of different breeds have recently been imported from the United States, Holland and Switzerland.

Men of science have never been able to explain why a thunderstorm spoils milk, beer, meat, and other articles of consumption. The latest German theory is that there is some injurious electric influence, which also causes headache or depression in many sensitive persons just before a storm.

Insurance experts are discussing statistics as to the increase of longevity, and they generally agree that the surest guarantee for a peaceful and happy old age and for becoming octogenarians and nonagenarians, and even going beyond the century mark, is the taking out of a plentiful supply of life insurance policies.

Transcontinental automobile trips are becoming numerous, but the public is beginning to discount the value of a test of this kind with a specially-prepared vehicle, operated by paid machinists and fitted at various points along the route with new tires, parts, etc., as these become necessary. Such tests must be made under normal touring conditions to have any great influence upon prospective buyers.

The Grand Palais in Paris possesses a wonderful clock, which was shown in the Paris Exhibition of 1889. It was the work of Collin and has just been overhauled. It is claimed for this chef d'oeuvre, says the Debats, that it does not vary more than the hundredth part of a second in a year. It is four and a half metres in height, and indicates the time in the twelve chief cities of the world, each city having its own dial. The clock not only marks the year, month and day of the week, but its pendulum forms a barometer of singular precision.

At a recent meeting of the Paris Academy of Medicine Dr. Garnier cited cases in which hysterical women had brought the most monstrous accusations against their relatives, their neighbors, and their very fathers and mothers, the whole being entirely a figment of their sick brains, but related with such perfect self-possession that even courts of justice had been wrongly led to infer that they were true. The judge in a trial where hysterical women appear should, he said, have them examined by a medical commission as a means of protection.

The study of words serves a double purpose. A wide vocabulary not only enables us to express our ideas exactly and concisely, but new words actually bring us new ideas. Someone spoke to me the other day of exercising a "corrigible influence" over another. The word was new to me; I looked it up and found a whole train of new thought started up by the new word, says Adeline Knapp, in The Household. It was a great pleasure. An enlarged vocabulary actually means an enlarged mind; every new word that comes to our knowledge brings with it a new chain of ideas by suggestion.

The sanitary measures introduced in Cuba during the American military occupation have been continued, and the island as a whole is now more healthful than at any time in its history. Minister Squiers in a recent report says: "In the District of Havana the death rate decreased in June to 400, against 448 in the preceding thirty days and against 540 in June of last year, and is the lowest figure for June ever recorded in Havana, as far back as reliable statistics can be obtained. The whole island is free from smallpox and yellow fever. In many of the provinces the death rate has been abnormally low for the time of year, owing to the improved methods of sanitation."

One of the strongest influences for peace among the nations is the growing habit of borrowing and lending money, or "international investment." Everybody recalls how France abused the United States when this country had to take Spain to task for the misgovernment of her colonies. The root of it all was a huge amount of French money in Spain. France has now invested in foreign countries, chiefly Russia, England, Spain and Italy the sum of six billion dollars. England, on the other hand, has ten billion dollars invested abroad, and a good sum of it is in France, but perhaps the greatest part of it is in the United States. But the American millionaire is also abroad, and he is buying everything he can lay his hands on in Europe, and much of it he can't bring home in his trunk, such as underground railways, mineral springs, hotels, castles, ivy-clad ruins, shoe stores, electric factories, foreign brogues and anti-American prejudices.

EDUCATION IN JAPAN.

The Teacher is a Patriarchal Gentleman Seated on a Cushion.

If you can imagine a long room in a long house with thatched roof, dark plastered walls, broad doorways closed with paper covered latticed frames which slide in grooves, bare floors covered with perfect fitting straw mats, some tiny tables, one by two feet in size and eight inches high—if you can imagine this, then you can conceive of an ancient schoolroom in Japan.

Again, if you can imagine a patriarchal old gentleman, with sparse beard, a head half bald, a small twig of hair turned back on the top of his head, then seated on a little cushion behind one of the tiny tables on which is a flat stone inkstand, a manuscript school book and a long bamboo pencil at one end of which is a fine pointed brush for writing; then think of some tiny children—a half dozen probably—the boys' heads shaved, except for a circular bunch of hair exactly at the crown, the girls with long tassels of straight black hair hanging in front of each ear, all dressed in little flowing garments with sleeves like the wings of birds—these children sitting behind other little tables, their brushes in hand, and writing, from the teacher's dictation, strange shaped characters on coarse copy books—imagine this, and you have an ancient Japanese school in session, both teacher and pupils sitting upon the floor.

They never went beyond reading and counting upon the soro-ban (abacus). Things have changed now. The old has utterly passed away. A most efficient educational system, Western in theory and practice, is now in full operation throughout Japan. Commodious common schoolhouses, and imposing college and university buildings are dotted all over the country. A thoroughly graded system operates from the primary school to the Imperial University, which ranks with the highest American institutions. The official or government schools are worked out to cover the whole field of education except the religious feature, and this they are endeavoring to supply by an eclectic system of morality, both Oriental and Occidental.

Besides the regular course, which extends from the common school through the high common school, the middle school, the high school, to the university, there are government technical schools for every branch of trade and the professions—commercial, army, navy, agriculture, textile, mechanics, law, medicine, normal, language, etc.

The government maintains a special school for the teaching of every modern language of importance—English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Chinese and Korean. But the English language precedes all other languages, and it is making such rapid progress that it is destined to become the spoken language of the nation.

One serious criticism against Japan's educational system is that it discourages private schools. Pupils of private schools of equal grade and efficiency with the government schools cannot pass on to the upper official schools with the same facility as pupils of the government schools. When we remember that the government schools are not free schools, and that many excellent private schools supported by foreign capital give students an education practically free, this discrimination of the government would seem to be unwise, and it is likely to be corrected in the near future.

The American nation should be especially proud of Japan's educational record, since it is from America that Japan has taken her lessons in Western learning.—Harper's Weekly.

The Razor as a Saw.

"Do you know why we dip a razor in hot water before we begin shaving, and do you know why some ignorant men say a razor is 'tired'?" asked the barber. "Well, this is all due to the fact that a razor is a saw, not a knife, and it works like a saw, not like a knife. Examined under the microscope its edge, that looks so smooth to the naked eye, is seen to have innumerable fine saw-teeth. When these teeth get clogged with dirt all the honing and strapping in the world will do no good—the razor is dull, and nothing will sharpen it. Then is the time the ignorant say it is 'tired,' and stop using it, but the wise know it is only clogged."

"The wise, though, don't suffer their razors to get clogged. They dip them in warm water before they use them, and thus the teeth are kept clean. It is because a razor is a saw that lather is used on the beard. The lather doesn't soften the beard, as so many people think; it stiffens it, so that it will present a firm and resisting surface to the razor."—New York World.

The Young Writer.

In the "Editor's Study" of Harper's Magazine Mr. Alden gives this encouragement to young writers:

"No young writer in whom the literary aspiration is a passion need, or really will, be cowed by the array of mighty and expert antagonists in the arena, whose names sound and resound so gloriously from the herald's trumpet, in full volume, re-enforced by past triumphs. Though a true and becoming modesty may well temper his ambition, it should in no degree suppress his ardent longing. These veterans, young aspirant, are indeed masters, but, as such, your exemplars. They also had their beginnings, hidden indeed, as used to be the sources of the Nile, 'not permitted to be seen small,' because they mastered their art before they exhibited as artists."

Indian Tea.

The number of persons employed in the tea industry throughout British India was, in 1902, 606,830 permanently and 90,940 temporarily. It is said that a capital of more than \$200,000,000 is invested in the Indian tea industry.

SIGNS OF RAIN.

'Twill surely rain
If the soot falls, the squirrels creep,
The spiders from their cobwebs creep,
Loud quick the ducks, the peacocks cry,
The distant hills look clear and high,
And restless are the snorting swine,
While busy flies disturb the kine,
Puss on the hearth, with velvet paws,
Sits wiping off her whiskered jaws;
The dog, quite altered in his taste,
Quits mutton bones on grass to feast;
From all these signs I see with sorrow
Our work must be put off to-morrow.

FLASQUES OF FVND

"Scribbles, the poet, now has twice the number of readers he had before."

"So? Whom did he marry?"—Life.

To bet on the market—
He thought it a joke.
He went to a broker
And now he is broke.
—Washington Star.

Nell—"Yes, we're engaged, but I took my time about accepting him." Belle—"Indeed? Waited till he actually proposed, did you?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

She—"I am afraid I cannot marry you, dearest." His Lordship—"Oh, why not?" She—"Papa would never forgive me for being so extravagant."—Life.

Foosle—"Do you think it wrong to play golf on Sunday?" Niblick—"I think it wrong to play such a game as you do on any day of the week."—Boston Transcript.

Myer—"Did you ever see a man-eating shark?" Gyer—"No, but I once saw a man eating catfish." Myer—"Indeed! Where?" Gyer—"In a restaurant."—Chicago News.

Lives of all great men remind us
We could make our lives sublime
If we only had the money.
Brains enough, and lots of time.
—Indianapolis News.

She—"I'll never forget my feelings when you asked me to marry you." He—"Why, was it such a hard thing to answer?" She—"No, but you were such a soft thing to answer."—Philadelphia Press.

"Your husband," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "seems to be so altruistic." "Yes, I know it. But Josiah always was a great hand to overact, and I think that must be what gives it to him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Returned Traveler—"I wonder what ever became of Bryton. I used to have a great admiration for that man. He was such a finished scholar." Native—"He is now, anyway. He went into politics."—Chicago Tribune.

"Language was given for the concealment of thought," quoted the wily citizen. "That is perfectly correct," answered Senator Sorghum; "if every man voted the way he talks we'd have all kinds of reform in no time."—Washington Star.

Fidgett—"Do you ever take any notice of anonymous communications?" Midgett—"No; not unless the writers' names are signed to them." Fidgett—"Yes, I suppose that does make a difference; I never thought of that."—Boston Transcript.

"What do you think of our author friend's success?" "It's the irony of fate. After he has gone on record to the effect that the public is totally lacking in artistic discrimination and wants nothing but trash, he gets out a book that makes a universal hit."—Washington Star.

"Some men are so fortunate in securing good wives," remarked the man who wanted to be sympathetic. "Yes," replied Henpeck. "Now, my wife is just like sunshine about the house." "Indeed! Well—er—really, I'm surprised—" "Yes, she's never there at all at night. Woman's right meetings and all that, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

Brick Versus Wooden Dwellings.

Experience shows that the average two and one-half story house with the usual fittings can be built for three or four dollars per square foot of ground covered, according to the quality of finish desired. The advance in the cost of building has been from twenty to thirty per cent. in the past ten years.

Many architects urge their clients, where they can afford it, to build of brick rather than wood. The cost of brick is relatively less to-day than it used to be. Wood shrinks, and swells, and burns. Wood has to be painted, and grows shabby with time. Brick takes on a better tone and texture with time; does not shrink and swell, and won't burn. Vines will grow on the brick wall; repairs are less; insurance rates are less; the brick house is cooler in summer and much more economically heated in winter, and built with a hollow wall it is entirely free from dampness. The cost of a brick over a wooden house is ten to fifteen per cent., as a general thing. But the difference is made up in smaller bills for coal and paint.—Good Housekeeping.

The Bible Brick.

E. G. Acheson, of Niagara Falls, while he was searching for the best clay to make crucibles, read the statements in the fifth chapter of Exodus about the use of straw and stubble in the manufacture of ancient Egyptian bricks. He procured some straw, had it boiled and mixed the dark red liquid thus obtained with clay. He found that the plasticity was greatly increased. Investigation showed that the tannin was the active agent, and when he treated over clay with a solution of tannin in water he obtained surprising results. The strength and plasticity of the clay are increased and the tendency to shrink and warp is greatly reduced. In this process sun-drying is far superior to burning, and in ten days the clay is better tempered than in months or even years by the old process.